carpet fair by Carpet Export Promotion Council and organization of Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fairs (Autumn and Spring) by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, annually in New Delhi. Assistance has been provided for setting up of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology at Bhadohi, Metal Handicrafts and Service Centre at Moradabad National Centre for Design and Product Development at New Delhi and Moradabad and India Exposition Mart Ltd. At Greater Noida.

(x) Import of raw silk has been liberalized by being brought under OGL, which has increased availability of good quality silk.

(xi) Government has rationalised value additiona/lnput Output norms specified under the EXIM Policy extended to exporters.

12 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THETABLE

Report and Accounts (2001-2002) of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi and related Papers

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi, for the year 2001-2002, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in library *see* No. LT-7095/03]

Notification of the Ministry of Coal

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

Under section 7A of the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Coal Notification G.S.R. 107(E) dated the 13th February, 2003, publishing

the Coal Mines Pension (Amendment) Scheme 2003, togetherwith an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [Pleaced in Library *see* No.LT-7070/03]

Report and Accounts (2001-2002) of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Kolkata and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R.PATIL): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Kolkata, for year 2001 -2002, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above [Placed in Library, *see* No. LT-7108/03].

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Need for Central Assistance for Survey of Backward Classes in States

SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN (Karnataka): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government, through this Special Mention, to the necessity of conducting a survey of the Backward Classes in the all States in the country.

Sir, one of the main mandatory functions of the National Commission for Backward Classes as well as the State Commissions for Backward Classes Under Section 11 of the act, is the revision of the list of backward classes by the State Governments as well as the Central Government, particularly, at the expiration of ten years from coming into force of the Act in the year 1994. Such a revision is necessary to exclude from such lists those classes who HAVE ceased to be backward Classes on account of the implementation of the welfare measures, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. Unless the socio-educational attainment of each caste or sub-caste or tribe or sub-tribe or other group is ascertained, it is not possible to under such a revision of the list. Therefore, even to exercise